Dr. Mitchell's Washington

Dr. S. Weir Mitchell tells a story of a

great historical character in "The Youth of Washington" (The Century Company).

He tells it in the form of an autobiography.

The reserve which so long surrounded

the accounts of Washington has been a

good deal broken down in recent years.

It seems a little curious, still, to find Wash-

It is certain that my great-grandfather in some respects possessed qualities which

ington writing, as we read here (page 15):

resembled those which I myself possess

Il was a man of great personal strength,

inclined to war, very resolute and of a

Here is something that Washington

must have known in regard to himself.

Any American child knows from his school

history that Washington was large, strong

and masterful, and that he exhibited

temper at Monmouth. But was it not courageous for Washington to say so?

Few biographers of themselves have had

the fortitude of Marie Bashkirtseff or cf

the ingenuous maiden in Mr. W. S. Gil-

bert's play, who described herself as a

very, very beautiful girl. One may know

such things, but one ordinarily is dis-

armed, having taken the pen in hand.

The more honor to Washington that he

was in all circumstances incapable of con-

cealment. We should have bated to have the Bashkirtseff or the Gilbert girl get

We have seen little recorded that re-

vealed Washington's humorous side, and we

are glad to find here what he set down in

regard to one Martha Washington, who

emigrated to Virginia and married Nicholas

Hayward of Westmoreland. Says George

Washington of this pioneer kinswoman:

"She left her property to her cousins John

and Lawrence, and a gold twenty shilling

piece to each, and to their sons each a

feather bed and furniture, and to their

heirs forever-which does appear to me

long for a bed to last." We pass from

this to a paragraph which must hereafter

incongruously and rather violently recur

to us whenever we see the well known and pathetic picture of Washington saying

good-by to his mother. Says Washington

"My father considered, I believe, that

as I was a younger son and must in some

way support myself I should be well

trained in both mind and body, and had

he lived the chance of the former might

have been bettered. The latter was often

made difficult by my mother, who was

unhappy when I was subject to the risks

to which all lads of spirit are exposed. I

remember that when later my father was teaching me to leap my pony, my pony

refused over and over, and this being near

to the house my mother ran out, and at last had a kind of hysterick turn. My

father sat still on a big stallion and took no notice of her entreaties. At last I got

the pony over, and he fell with me. I

jumped up and was in the saddle in a

moment. My father said that was ill

my mother ran back to the house, crying

out I would be murdered. But my father

was this manner of man; he hated defeat,

was greatly pleased when I was successful.

Master allowed me to attain in later years.'

what she should be in the picture. Some

Washington's brother, Lawrence was

were too long getting there, or the guides

treacherous, and the ladders too short and

his General for neglecting to provide the storming column with canned tomatoes,

and we must think Wentworth fortunate

More than once in this autobiography

we notice that frankness of which we have

spoken, and which persists in seeming

a little curious even in the case of so open

a man as Washington. At page 43, for in-

stance, we read:
"At this period my great personal strength

and endurance were constant temptations to ferbidden enterprises on land or water,

and it was at this time of my life that I discovered a certain pleasure in danger.

I find it difficult, not having the philosophical turn of mind, to describe what I

mean; but of this I became aware as time

went on, that in battle or other risks I

was suddenly the master of larger com-

petence of mind and body than I possessed

at other times. When, on one occasion, the

learned Dr. Franklin desired to be ex-

cused if he asked whether in battle I had

ever felt fear, I had to confess that in con-

templating danger I was like most men.

but that immediate peril had upon me

the influence which liquor has upon some,

making them feel able for anything. He

said yes, but as to the influence of drink,

that was a mere delusion; whereas he under-

stood, and here he begged to apologize,

that in great danger in battle and when

the ranks were breaking I had seemed

rect, for in battle I have often felt this,

above Shafter accordingly.

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ahead of him.

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